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A word from the author:
This story is a work of fiction; inspired by debatable historical events — it was not written to exploit or trivialize this manner of human suffering and atrocities - rather, I am rewriting history in an attempt at giving the victims a voice and a means for revenge.

Serena Valentino

Annabelle speaks:
This is Victoria and Rebecca's story.
But more truly this tale belongs to the house
and the dead that inhabit it. My thoughts do not
penetrate this narrative. You shall learn this story
from Victoria and Rebecca's own eternal feelings, their
innermost fears, dreams and secret desires.

After all, I am privy to such knowledge, and I think sharing
their secrets with you will bring an entirely new light on
the path I've been taken on. The horrors I've witnessed,
and the women who have possessed me.

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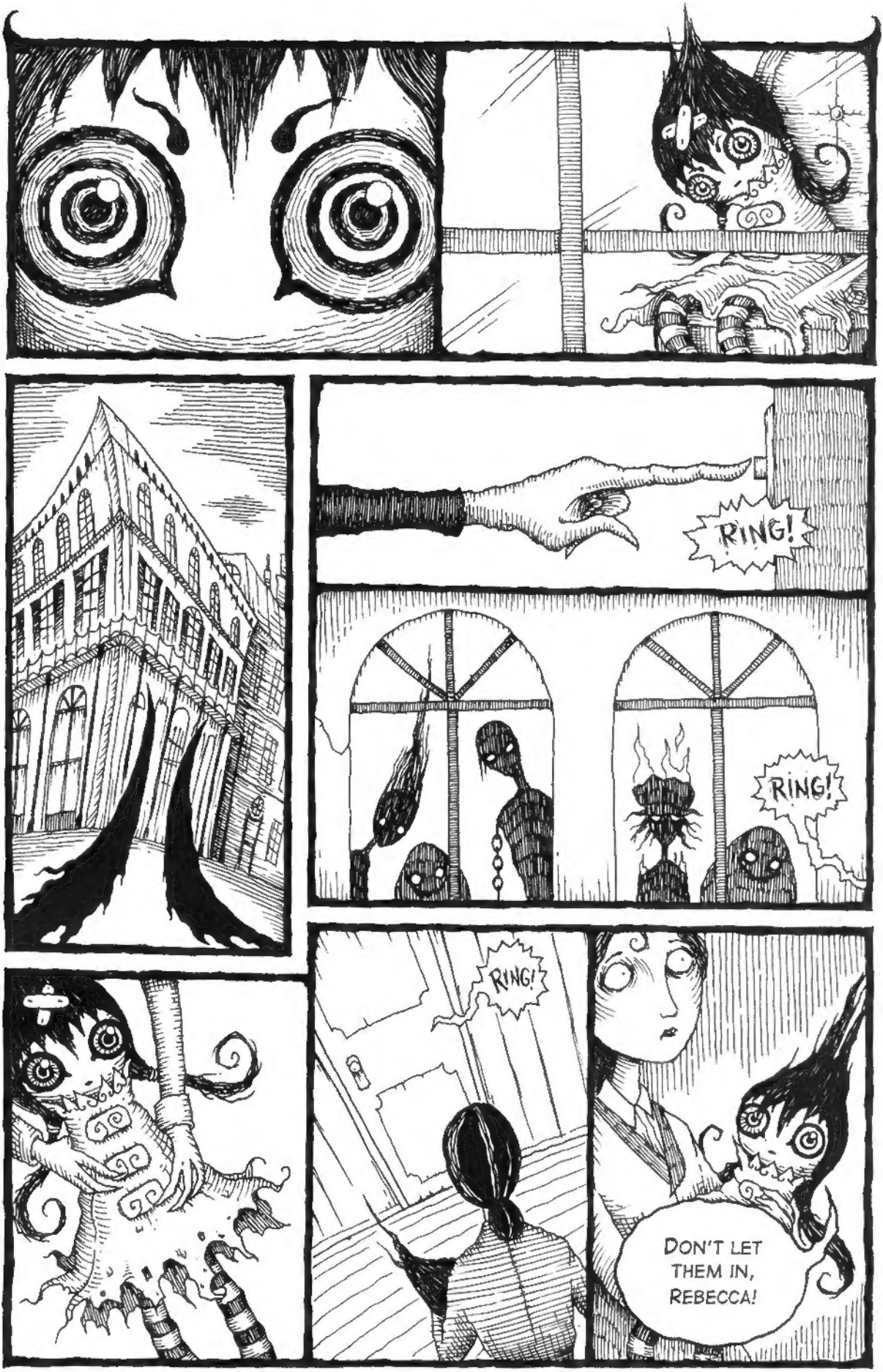
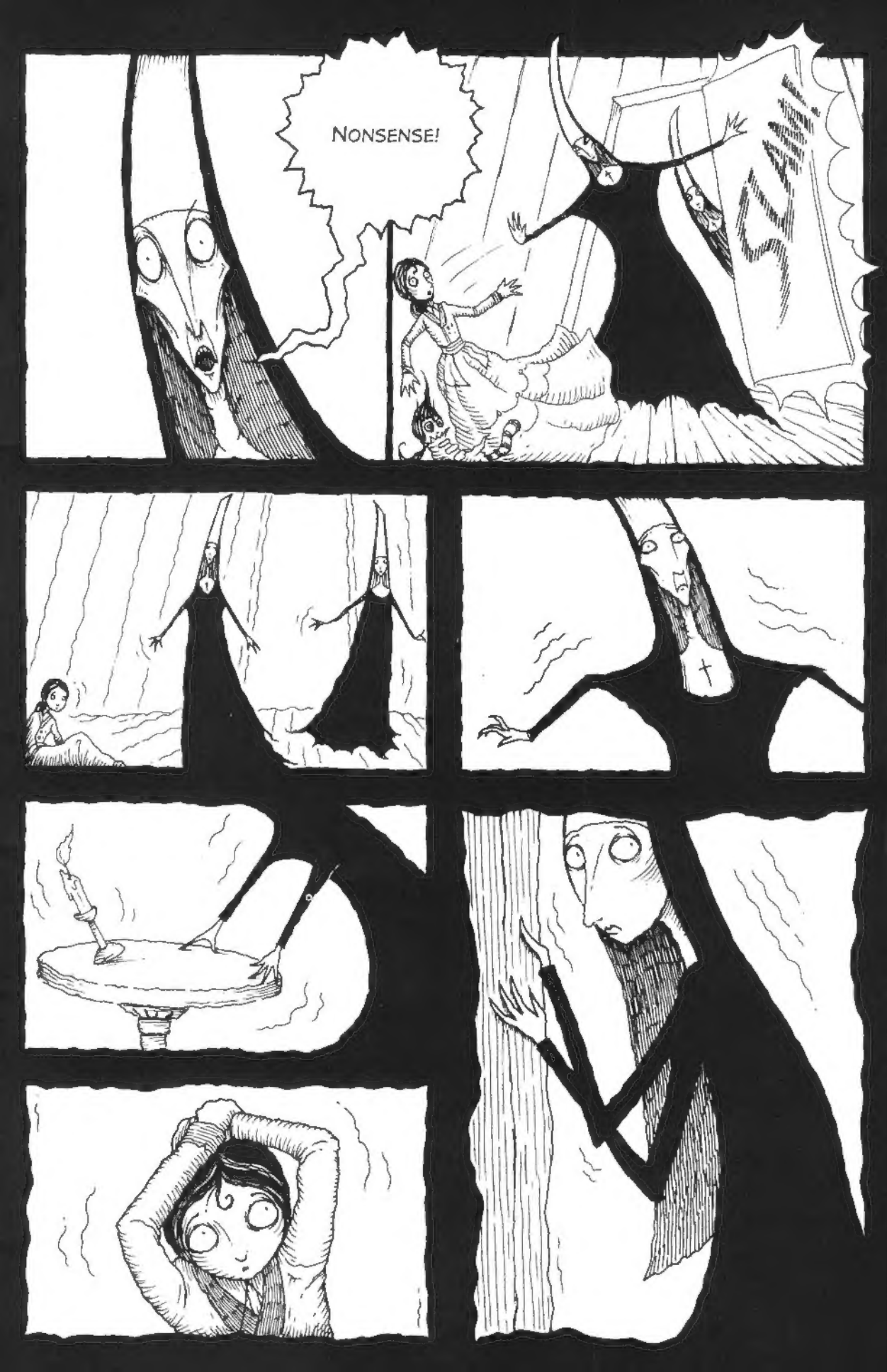

RING!
RING!
RING!
DON'T LET THEM IN, REBECCA!

HELLO.
HELLO, MY CHILD. WE'VE COME TO SEE YOUR AUNT.
THEY WILL TRY TO HURT YOU IF YOU LET THEM IN.
I'M AFRAID SHE'S ILL.
THEN BY ALL MEANS LET ME SEE HER.
YES, MY DEAR, PERHAPS WE CAN HELP.
SHE LIES.
MY AUNT ISN'T RECEIVING VISITORS TODAY. I'M SORRY.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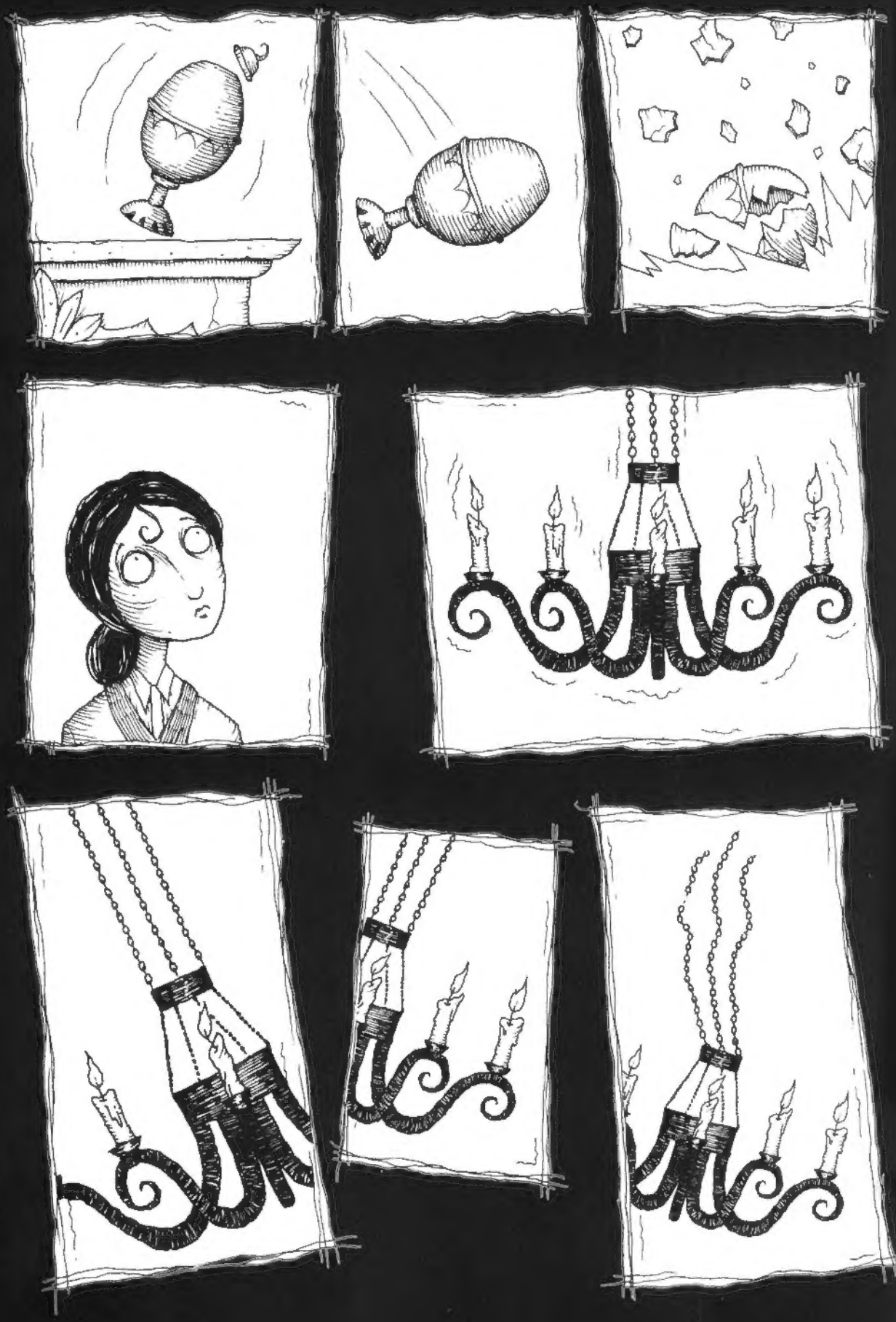
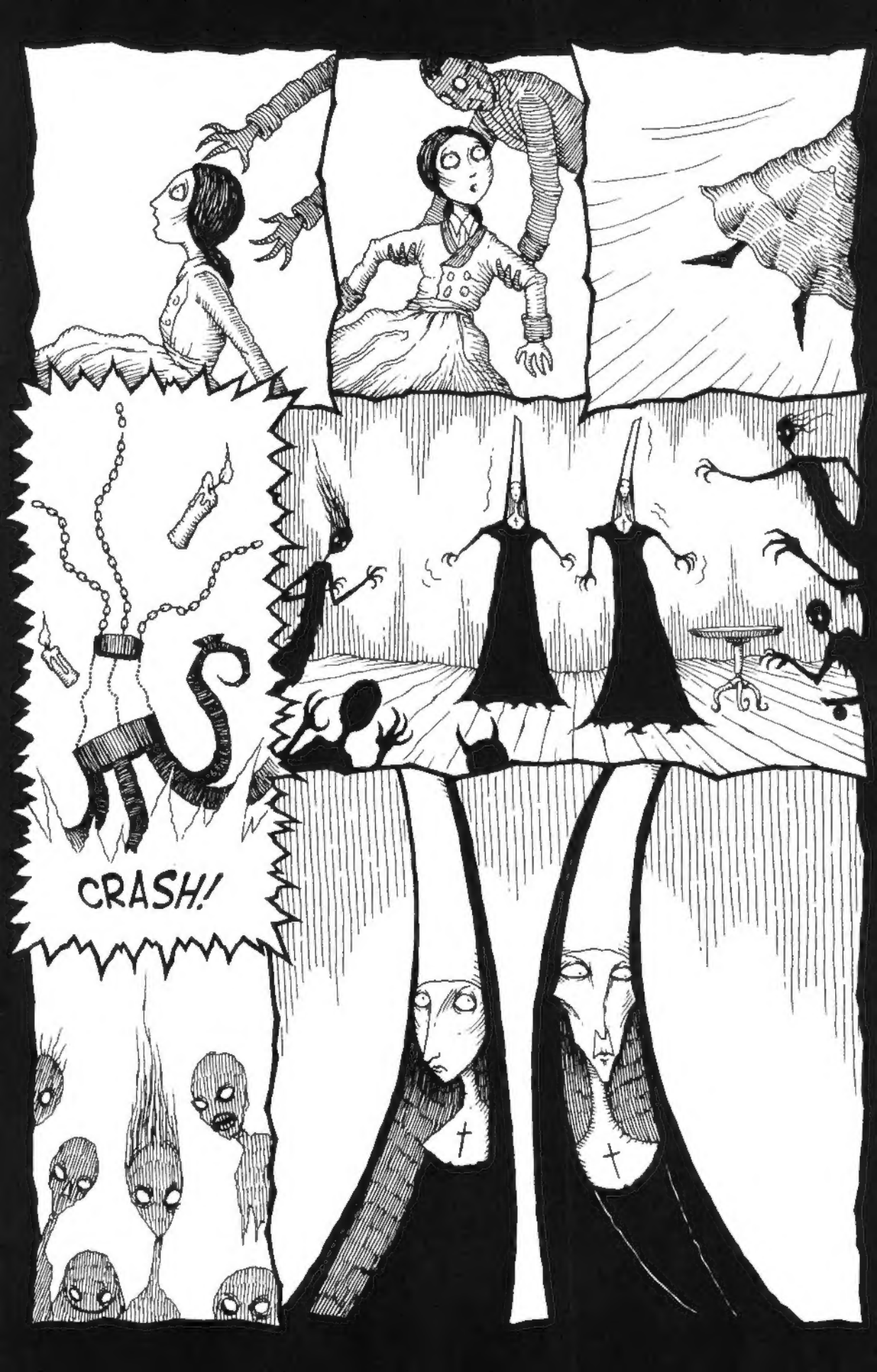



CRASH!

THEY ARE NO WOMEN OF GOD! THEY'RE FILTH! THEY ARE CAUSING THIS!

GET OUT OF MY HOUSE!

WHAT EVIL HAS POSSESSED YOU, REBECCA?

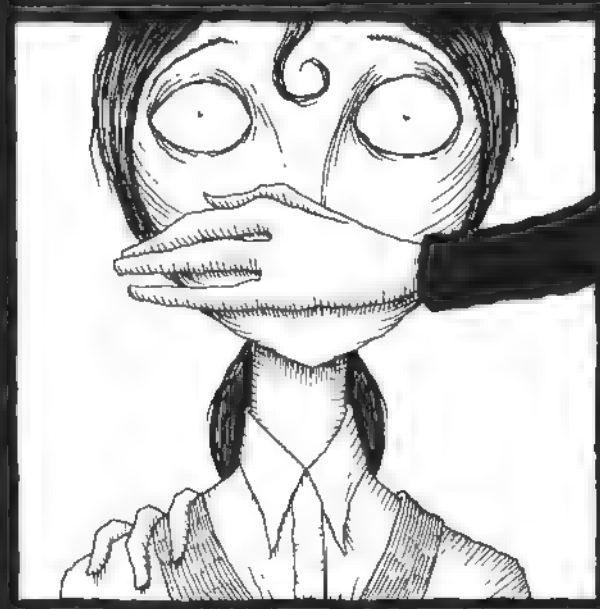
I WOULD ASK YOU THE SAME, SISTER.

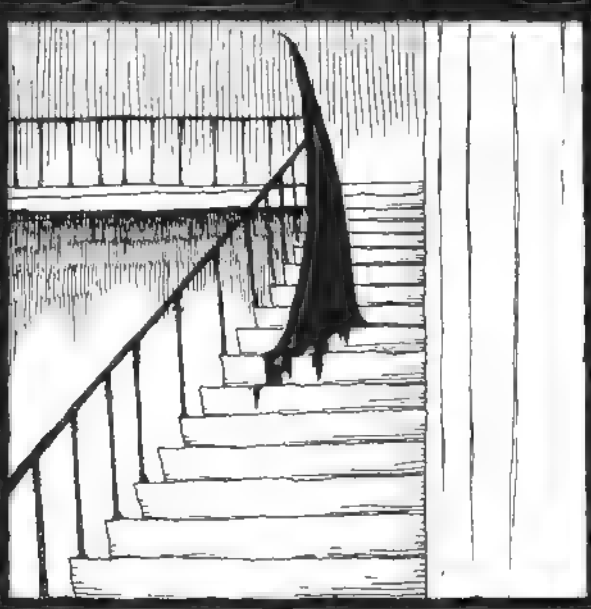
WHERE IS MY DAUGHTER?
IN HER ROOM, RESTING.
CLEARLY SHE IS UNSAFE ALONE WITH YOU IN THIS HOUSE! I INTEND TO BRING YOU BOTH WITH ME TO THE CONVENT.
DON'T LET HER, REBECCA! SHE'LL KILL YOU.
MAKE THEM LEAVE OR YOU WILL ALL BE KILLED.

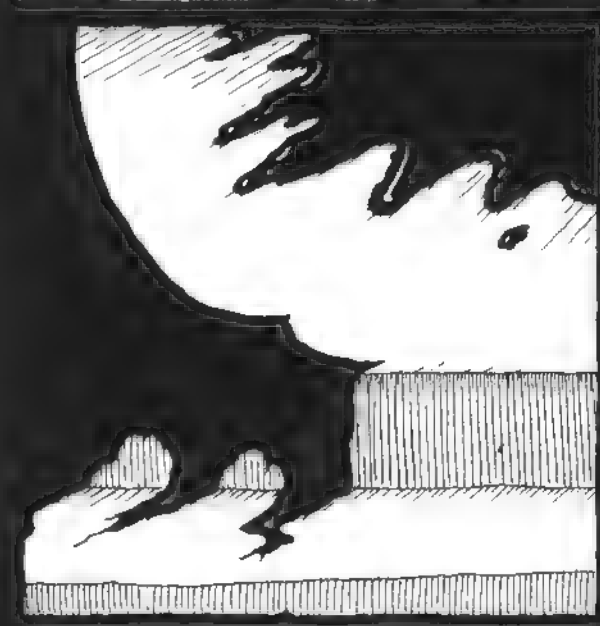
DON'T GO UP THERE, PLEASE!
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO HIDE, YOU LITTLE JEZEBEL?
NOTHING!
DO NOT CROSS ME, GIRL. YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I AM.
I THINK I DO.
YOU'RE HURTING ME! LET GO!
KEEP HER DOWN HERE WHILE I CHECK ON MY DAUGHTER.

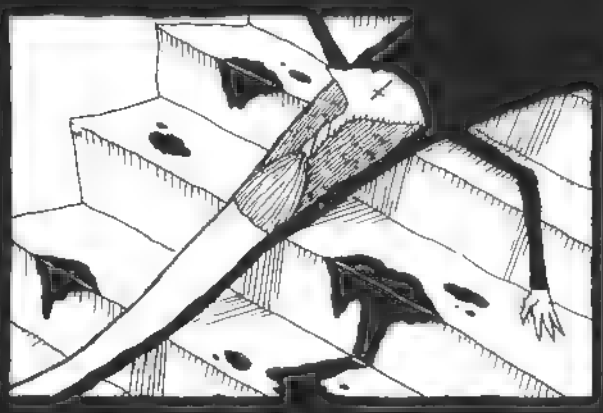
YOU'LL HAVE US ALL KILLED IF YOU GO UP THERE!

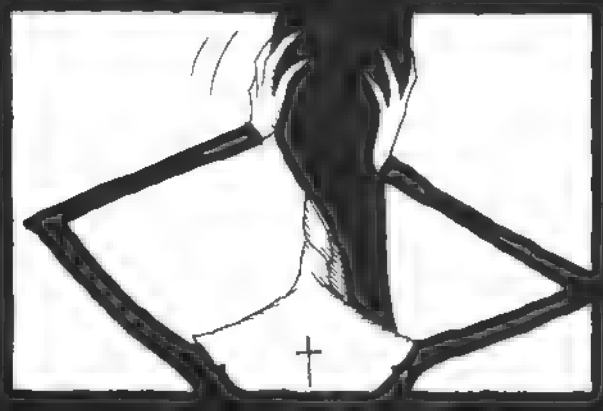
SILENCE HER, SISTER!











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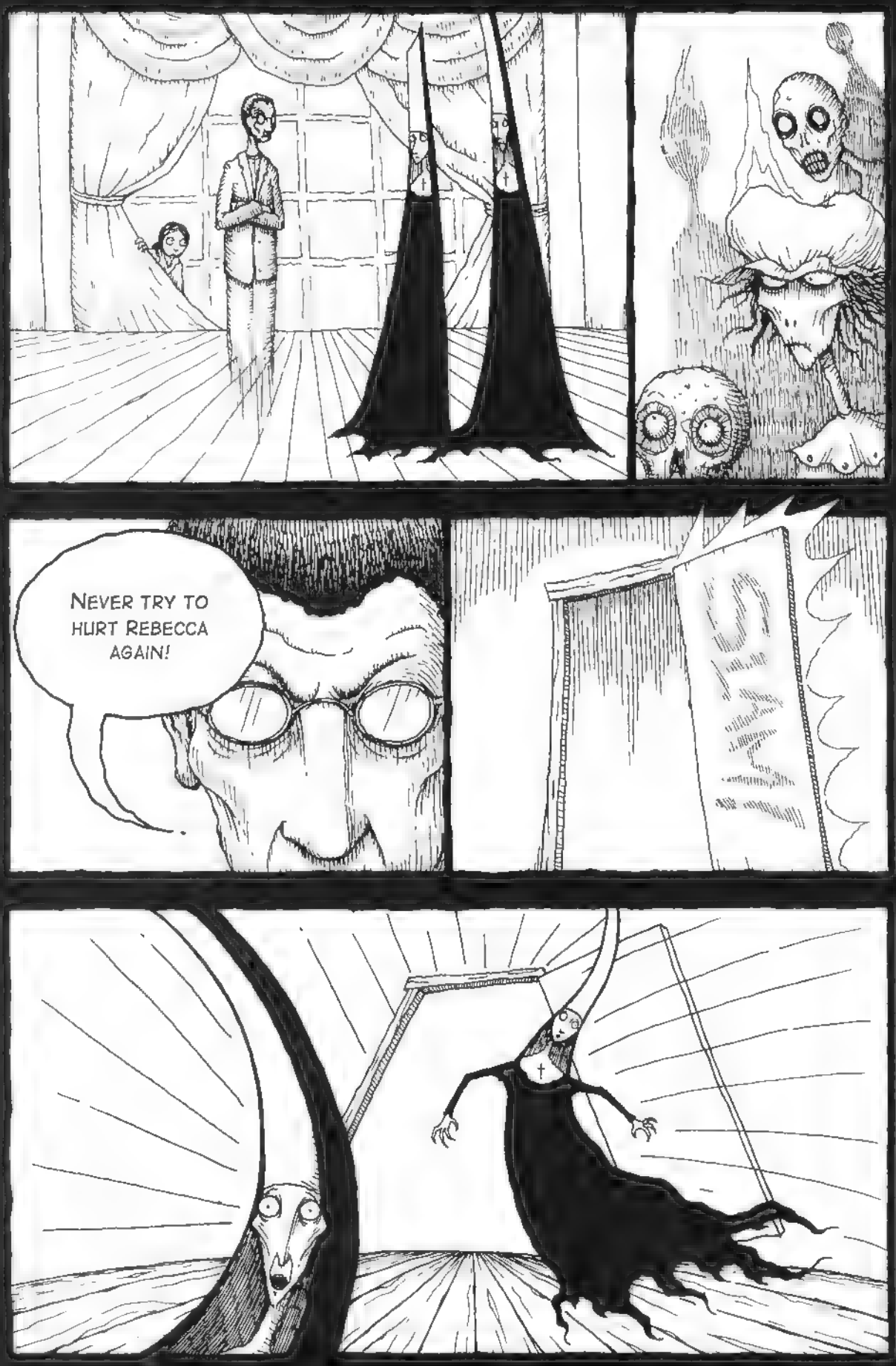
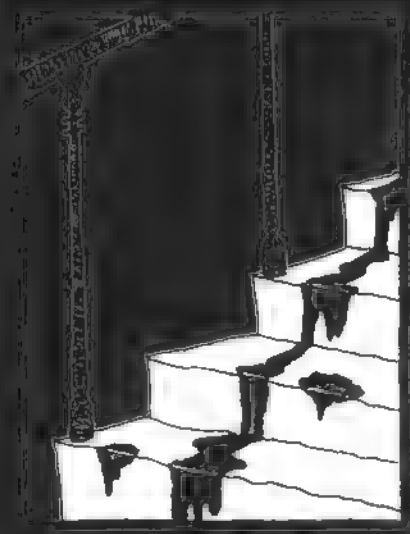
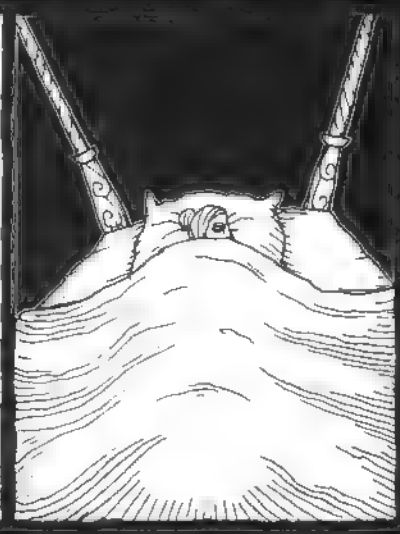
CRACK!


NEVER TRY TO HURT REBECCA AGAIN!

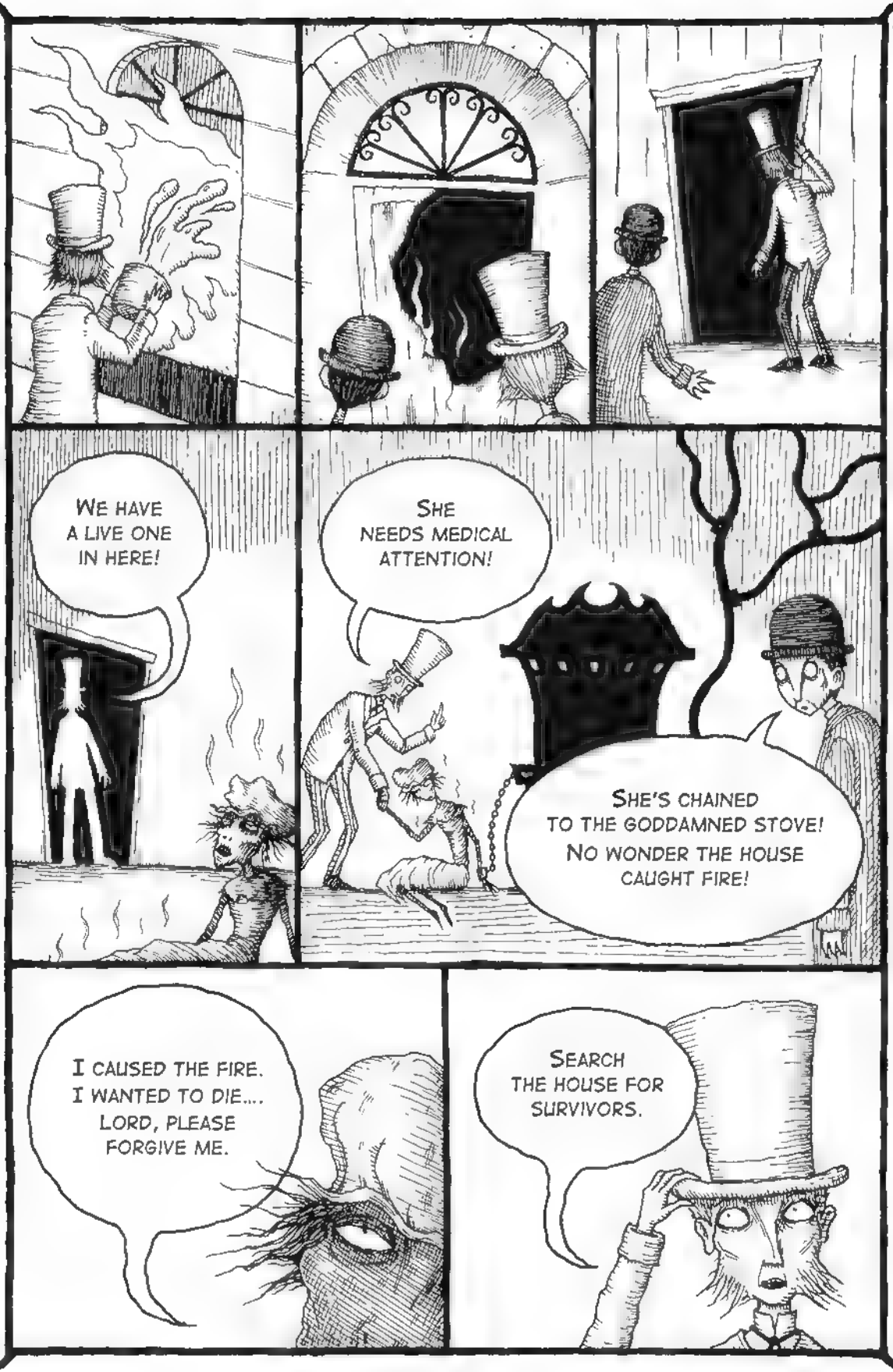
IF YOU HELP US, WE WILL DO YOU NO HARM.

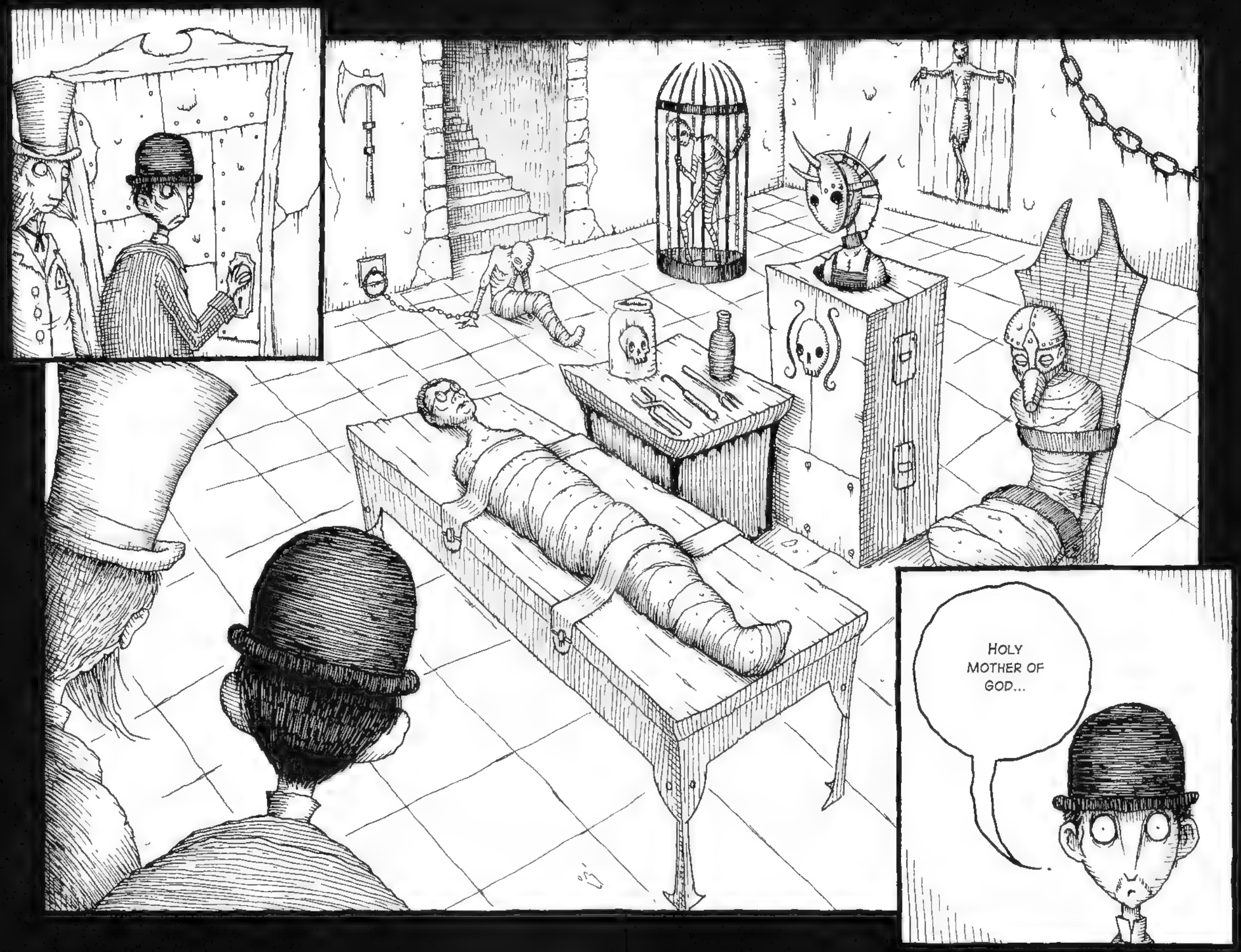
IT'S TIME YOU LEARNED THE TRUTH ABOUT THIS HOUSE, REBECCA.

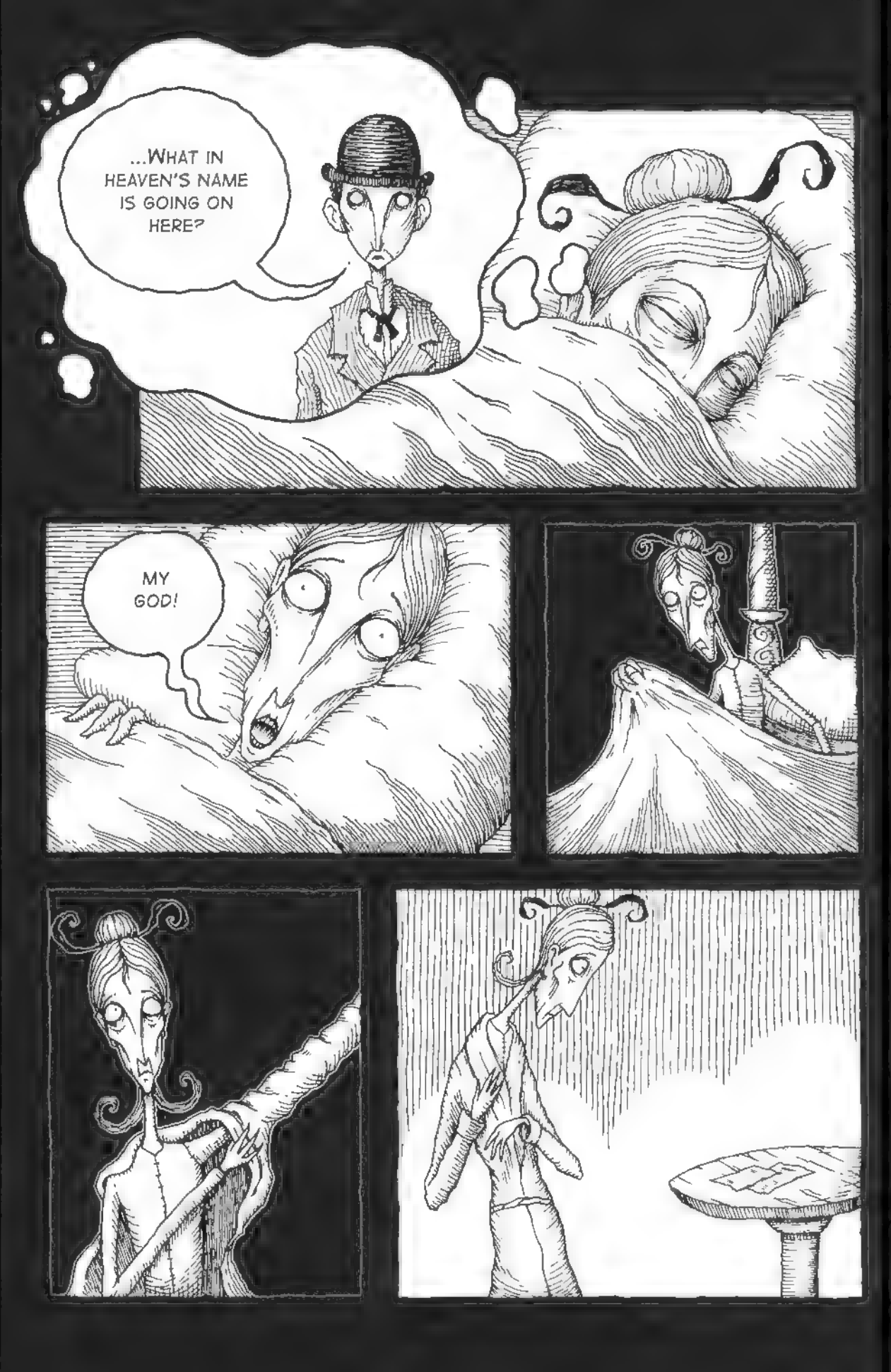




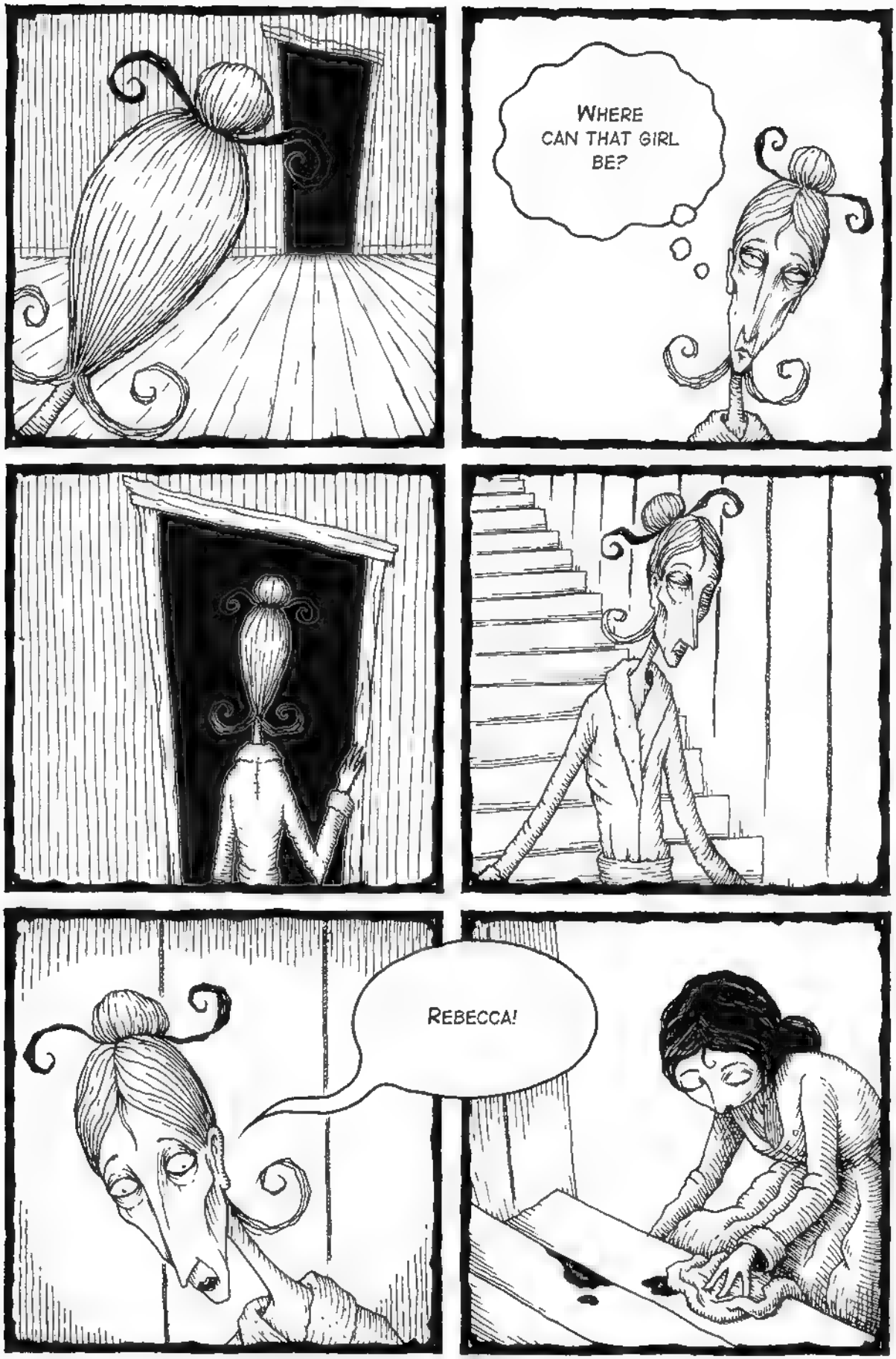
VICTORIA WAS PLAGUED WITH DREAMS OF THE HOUSE AS IT ONCE WAS. THE HOUSE WAS FILLED WITH VOICES, LIGHT AND THE SOUND OF SCREAMS. A CACOPHONY OF SOUND FILLING HER CHEST, AND LYING HEAVILY UPON IT, FOR SHE WAS ONCE AGAIN PARALYZED WITH FEAR AND UNABLE TO WAKE. THE HOUSE WAS AFLAME AND HER HEART WAS THREATENING TO BURST FORTH FROM THE MANIC RHYTHM.


WE HAVE A LIVE ONE IN HERE!
SHE NEEDS MEDICAL ATTENTION!
SHE'S CHAINED TO THE GODDAMNED STOVE! NO WONDER THE HOUSE CAUGHT FIRE!
I CAUSED THE FIRE. I WANTED TO DIE.... LORD, PLEASE FORGIVE ME.
SEARCH THE HOUSE FOR SURVIVORS.


HOLY MOTHER OF GOD...

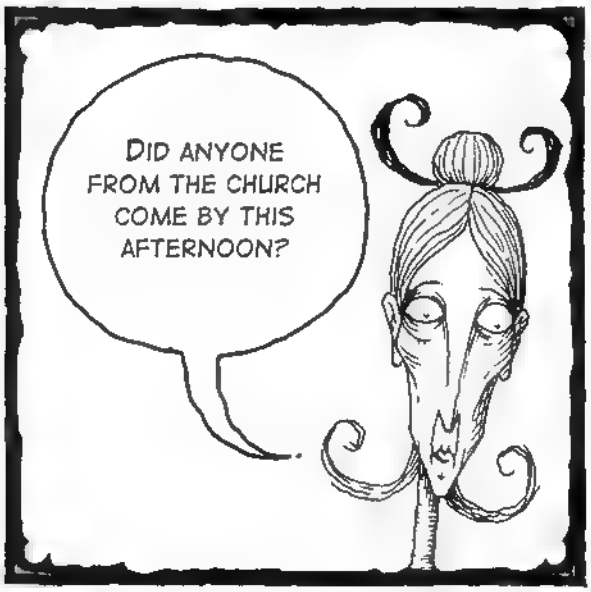

...WHAT IN HEAVEN'S NAME IS GOING ON HERE?
MY GOD!

FIRE REVEALS AN APPALLING SCENE AT THE LALAURIE HOUSE
PUBLIC OUTRAGED AT THE HORRORS FOUND AT THE LALAURIE HOUSE
The Lalaurie family driven from New Orleans by incensed vigilantes
WHERE DID THESE COME FROM?
REBECCA!


WHERE CAN THAT GIRL BE?
REBECCA!

REBECCA! I'VE BEEN CALLING YOU! DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME?

I GUESS I DIDN'T.


DID ANYONE FROM THE CHURCH COME BY THIS AFTERNOON?

NO.

THAT'S STRANGE. ARE YOU SURE?

QUITE SURE.

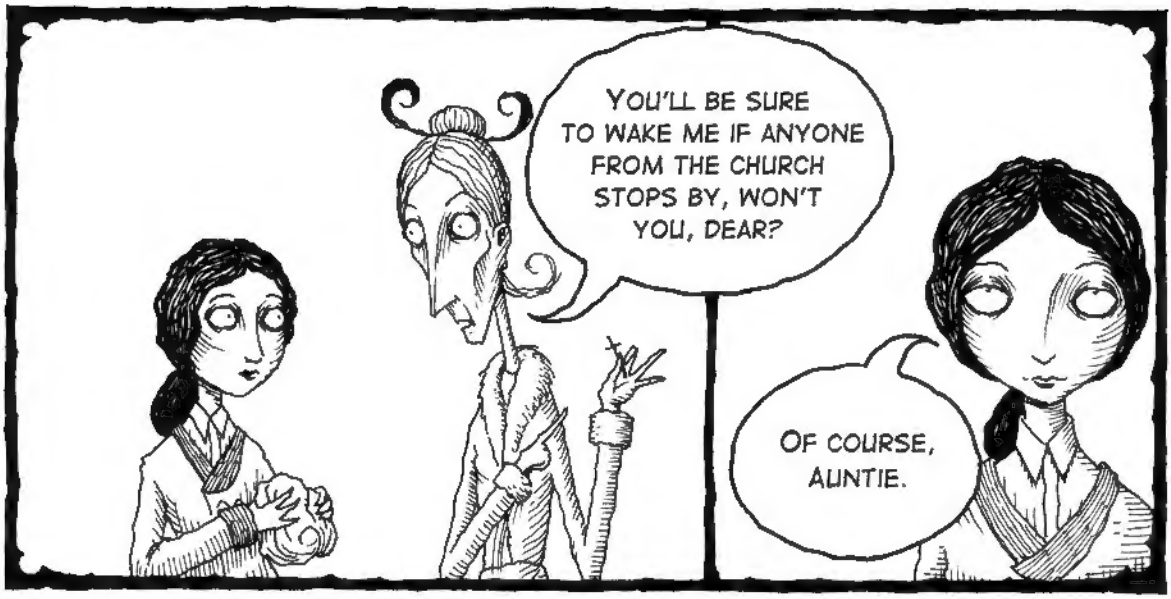
WHY ARE YOU SCRUBBING THE FLOOR?

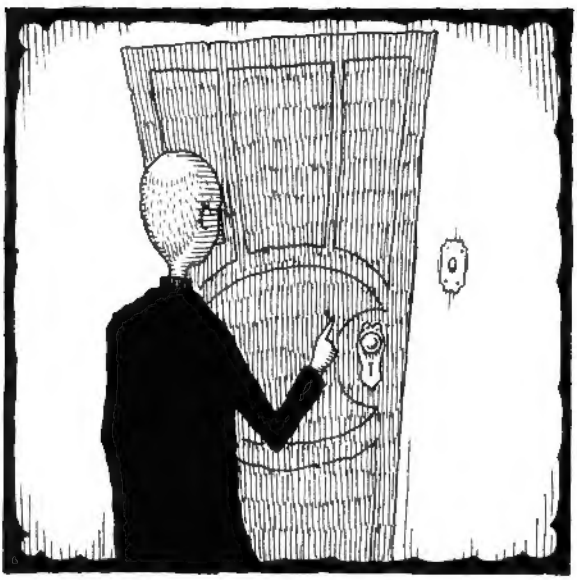
WE CAN'T GET A CLEANING WOMAN TO STEP FOOT IN THIS HOUSE, NOW CAN WE?

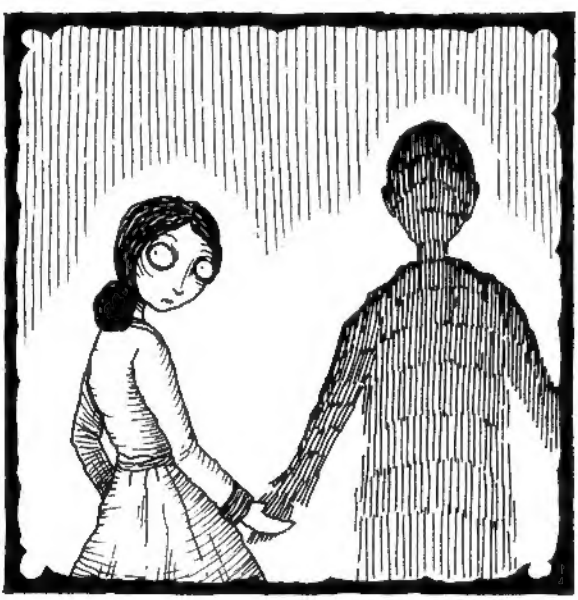
DID YOU PUT THESE NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS ON MY BEDSIDE TABLE?

OF COURSE NOT

I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
YOU SHOULD GO UP TO YOUR ROOM AND REST, AUNTIE.







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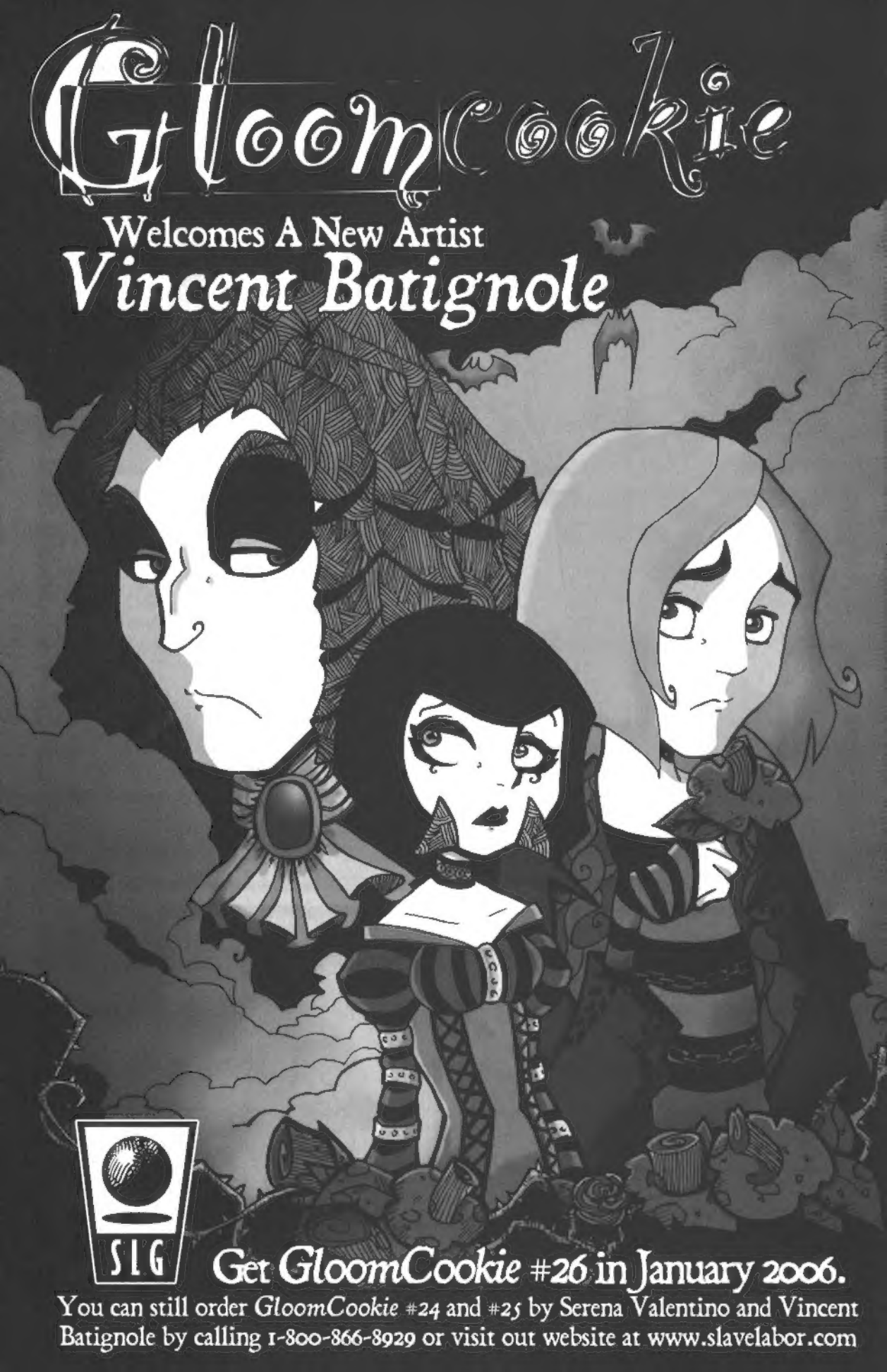
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1140 Rue Royale continues...

Victoria fears Rebecca has either become possessed or is being coerced by their ghostly tormentors and has Rebecca committed and put under the care of the nuns at the Ursuline convent, putting both of their lives in further danger.

HELLO MY DEARS,

YOU CAN'T IMAGINE HOW THRILLING IT HAS BEEN WRITING THIS STORY AND WORKING WITH CRAB. I CAN'T BELIEVE WE ARE ALREADY HALF-WAY-THROUGH 1140 RUE ROYALE. I'M GOING TO MISS REBECCA AND VICTORIA WHEN THIS STORY LINE IS OVER, AND I'M EVEN GOING TO MISS THOSE HORRIBLE NUNS, THEY ARE SO FASCINATING TO WRITE.

I DID QUITE A LOT OF RESEARCH FOR 1140 RUE ROYAL AND FOUND SO MANY FANTASTIC TALES, SO MANY VERSIONS OF WHAT HAPPENED AT THE LALAURIE HOUSE, NOT ALL OF IT TRUE. I FOUND HISTORICAL ACCOUNTS, MYTHS, LEGENDS, RUMOR, AND FRIGHTENING FAIRYTALES. I THINK MY STORY MAY HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF EACH, IT IS MY VERSION, TAKING PLACE IN MY NEW ORLEANS, THE ONE THAT LIVES INSIDE OF ME. THERE IS A TRUTH TO NIGHTMARES & FAIRY TALES: 1140 RUE ROYALE, THERE IS A LESSON TO BE LEARNED, A HORROR TO BE REVEALED LURKING THERE IN THE SHADOWS FROM THE DARKEST, MOST HORRIBLE PART OF OUR HISTORY... BUT REMEMBER THE STORY IS STILL FICTION. I LOVE THE REAL NEW ORLEANS TOO MUCH TO TRY TO PASS OFF A FICTIONAL STORY AS ITS ACTUAL HISTORY.

IF YOU'RE LIKE ME AND CARE DEEPLY ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE REAL NEW ORLEANS, THEN PLEASE KEEP YOURSELVES INFORMED (WWW.NOLA.COM) AND MAKE YOUR VOICES HEARD LOUD AND CLEAR, LOUDER THAN THE VOICES SAYING NEW ORLEANS SHOULD NOT BE REBUILT. THE VERY THOUGHT OF NOT REBUILDING HURTS MY HEART.

OKAY MY DEARS, THANKS TO ALL FOR THE LOVELY EMAIL & LETTERS.
I HOPE YOU ALL HAD A FANTASTIC WINTER HOLIDAY!
-SERENA

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